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Re: New U.S. Patent Application
Being a Continuation of PCT/EP99/09157, filed November 22,
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Title: TYRE FOR VEHICLE WHEELS WITH IMPROVED BEAD
STRUCTURE
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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application, being a Continuation of PCT/EP99/09157, filed November 22, 1999, which claims priority of European Patent Application No. 98830736.9, filed December 7, 1998, and of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/119,925, filed February 12, 1999.

1. Application - 28 pages, including 3 independent claims and 13 claims total (as amended).
2. Drawings - 4 sheets of drawings containing 6 figures.
3. Certified copy of European Patent Application No. 98830736.9, filed December 7, 1998.

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4. Preliminary Amendment including an Abstract of the Disclosure.
5. Information Disclosure Statement, including PTO-1449, and 9 documents attached.
6. Copy of cover page of WIPO Publication No. WO00/34059.
7. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

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Applicant claims the right to foreign priority based on European Patent Application No. 98830736.9, filed December 7, 1998, and the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/119,925, filed February 12, 1999.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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